

## Nature Center Q & A

### **Q: When are programs offered?**

A: We schedule tours and programs at 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, and 1:00 PM Tuesday through Friday year round. Call for availability.

### **Q: What is the cost?**

A: General tour costs \$1.00 per student; specialized programs cost \$1.50 per student; teachers and chaperones are free. There is a \$10.00 minimum charge. You may pay by cash or check on arrival or request an invoice.

### **Q: How many students can come?**

A: General tours are limited to 2 classes or 60 students per time slot. Specialized programs are designed for smaller groups- 1 class only.

### **Q: How long will it take?**

A: Usually 1-1.5 hours.

### **Q: May students bring money for souvenirs?**

A: They may. We have a penny stamping machine, and our gift shop offers a variety of nature-themed items for sale.

**CALL 334-2225**  
to schedule



MORRISON KNUDSEN

NATURE  
CENTER

BOISE, IDAHO

Idaho's "Face-to-Fish" Education Center



*The MK Nature Center is a 4.5 acre wildlife habitat located right in the middle of the city. We feature educational programs for all grade and ability levels. Come check it out!*

## General Tour & Program

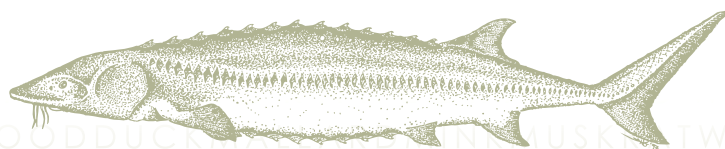
This is the most popular Nature Center program— the perfect introduction to HABITAT, ADAPTATIONS, CONSERVATION, and BIODIVERSITY. With the use of pelts, skulls, and animal mounts, a wildlife educator gives students an introductory lesson then leads them outside for an educational walk through the Nature Center. Students get an underwater look at native Idaho fishes, and wildlife viewing abounds.

## Specialized Programs

Take an in-depth look at a species or concept. Great for groups looking to complement in-class instruction or simply wanting to take students a step further than the general tour. Specialized programs include a lesson on a particular topic. They often involve a hands-on activity and do not always include a tour. Availability can be limited, so schedule in advance. See back for program listings.

## Self-Guided Tours

Classes may explore the Nature Center on their own, although we encourage guided programs to get the most out of your visit. Self-guided groups *must* call in advance to avoid scheduling conflicts with guided tours, and they must yield to guided tours on the path. There is no charge for self-guided tours, but donations are encouraged.



### *One more thing...*

It's never too early to schedule! We advise two (2) weeks advance notice. April and May fill up quickly, so call soon. Or, consider coming in fall or winter. Any season is a good season to visit the Nature Center.



# MK NATURE CENTER

## Specialized Programs for Grades K-12



### Pre-School Groups

Our specialized programs are designed for older grades, but we can work with you to develop a program for your Pre-K class focusing on a particular topic or animal. Call to talk about options for your early learners.



### Elementary School

#### SCAT & TRACKS

Become a wildlife detective! Learn how to identify wildlife by what they leave behind: tracks and scat. Then, create a track project you can take with you into the woods.

**Grades K - 3**

#### NATURE ARTS

How can we use art to express our experiences in nature? Create your own journal using different artistic methods, including "gyotaku," the Japanese art of fish printing.

**Grades K - 6**

#### COMPOST SCIENCE

Get the low-down on compost! Find out how to build a compost pile and meet some compost critters. Learn how the earth recycles itself and what we can do to help.

**Grades K - 6**

#### CLASS IN THE CREEK

Collect aquatic insects, fish, crayfish, and more in this hands-on stream ecology experience. Learn what a healthy freshwater habitat looks like and why salmon are so essential to Idaho's ecosystems.

**Grades 4 and up**

#### OWL PELLETS

Owls are amazing hunters. Take a look at owl skulls, wings, and feet, and learn about how owls are adapted to hunt at night. Then dissect owl pellets to see exactly what they eat.

**Grades 4 and up**

#### NATIVE PLANTS

What are native plants, and why are they so important? Find out why a native landscape is vital for Idaho's wildlife. See how invasive plants and fire can impact habitat with a hands-on demonstration.

**Grades 4 and up**

### Middle and High School

#### SALMON TALK

This in-depth talk covers salmon life history and discusses the causes of the decline of these amazing fish. A great lesson on aquatic ecology.

*[ At your request, we'll provide a Class in the Creek activity with either of these lessons. ]*

#### IDAHO NATIVE FISH

Learn about many of Idaho's native fishes including cutthroat trout, salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, dace, lamprey, sculpin, burbot, and more.

#### CARRYING CAPACITY

Explore the concept of carrying capacity and learn about the link between predator and prey. Students become deer in an activity that demonstrates these concepts.



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Specialized programs cost **\$1.50** per student and are limited to one class at a time.